

# KY Tech-Breathitt Co. ATC holds annual Spring Car Show

*Instructor Jesse Tackett believes  
in value of local car enthusiasts*



**Raymond Hurst, former  
Wolfe County judge  
executive and his  
"1955 Chevy."**



**Above: Local KY Tech-  
Breathitt Co. ATC SkillsUSA  
vice president Mike Robinson  
and his grandfather Ray Back  
show off their  
1969 "396 SS Chevelle."**



**Marvin Neace, local body  
shop owner, and his  
recently restored  
"1974 Dodge Charger."**

*All photos courtesy of Jesse Tackett.*

For the past 7 years, automotive technology instructor Jesse Tackett has organized spring and fall car shows for the purpose of introducing students “to the enthusiast side of the automobile world.” It’s an activity that students look forward to each year for a variety of reasons – including the opportunity to show off their own car. This year’s spring car show was held on Friday, May 6 in the parking lot of the KY Tech-Breathitt County Area Technology Center.

In addition to showing off “cool classic cars and getting students excited,” an important element of the event is that it also “serves as a fund raising project for the local SkillsUSA Club,” says Tackett. With help from Coca Cola, the club members operate a concession stand to sell Coke and hot dogs. Between the efforts of Coke and local car enthusiasts, the show comes together for the benefit of everyone.

This year’s spring car show was host to 20 local classic cars. Some of the students were also able to show off their own vehicles



(l to r): Nickens  
and Tackett.

*Todd Nickens, OCTE academic consultant  
transportation programs:*

*“It was a fun event and field day for the students. It also gave the auto tech students a chance to talk to the vehicle owners, and ask questions about creating a car like the ones that were shown, such as how did they find the parts and manuals, what were the costs, where and how were the engines machined.”*